

REPORT FROM COPENHAGEN

HAN HANSEN: "Meanwhile Denmark is getting ready for general elections, set for November 15th. It is an interesting fact that whereas candidates of the many Danish parties, by mutual arrangement are banned from radio and television from today until the week before the big day itself, then the Danes are still able to treat themselves to a round by round close-up of the American presidential campaign, including the Nixon-Kennedy video debates...

"Whatever the outcome of their election, it will have no effect on Danish foreign or defense policy. There is not here, inside or outside the Danish Labor party any non-communist, concerted anti-NATO or stop-the-atom rumblings, comparable to recent British developments at Scarborough or Coventry. The Danish Social Democrats are ready to periodically reaffirm their faith in NATO without necessarily bragging or seemingly genuinely happy about it. It's a case of acceptance, and an admirable one, in view of the party's historic pacifist leanings. Some party literature recently came my way, in which the NATO alliance is labelled 'The Atlantic Peace Treaty,' no doubt a device to save old-time laborites embarrassment.

"This is a somewhat different picture from what is the case in Norway, the other Scandinavian NATO partner. When Foreign Minister (Halbert Langer?) returns to Oslo from the United Nations this week, the Norwegian parliament will take up a general debate on Norway's foreign policy, and particularly in view of the exchange of notes on the U-2 and RB-47 incidents, plus Khrushchev's blast at Norway in the General Assembly last week, the debate may be expected to be a lively one.

"Langer met with ALLEN DULLES in Washington on October 7th, and presumably the two men discussed the relative positions of their two countries to the overflights. No doubt the Norwegian Foreign Minister also pointed out what Mr. Dulles of course knows, that it is desirable Norway not be compromised if she is to maintain her rigid NATO policy, of which there is no more valiant defender than Mr. Langer.

"This also touches on the question of atomic warheads for Norwegian missiles, a question to be acted on later this fall..."

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